ABSTRACT

OF

RETURNS to Two Orders of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated 10 and 14 December 1852;—*for*,

RETURNS "of the Number of POST-OFFICE RECEIVING HOUSES in *London, Dublin, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Liverpool, Manchester* and *Birmingham* respectively; the Number of COLLECTIONS Daily from each Receiving House, and the Proportion the Population of each of these Places, as per last Census, bears to each Receiving House; whether General Post-Office Business can be transacted at all these Receiving Houses, and, if not, the Number in each Place at which that can be transacted; showing the Proportion the Population of each Place bears to every such Receiving House or Branch Office; the Number of Offices in each Place at which Money Order Business can be transacted, and the Proportion the Population of each Place bears to every such Office; the Average Number of LETTERS delivered Daily in each of the above-mentioned Towns; also, the Number of LETTER CARRIERS in each Town to deliver these Letters, and also the Number of Deliveries Daily in each Town:"

"And, of the NAME of every one employed in the POST-OFFICE of *Glasgow*; the Number of Years each Person has been in the Service; Salary of each, and Sums, if any, derived from Fees, stating the Nature of such Fees; Nature of the Duties performed by each; whether there is a Scale of Salaries for Length of Service, and, if so, the Particulars of it; showing the Highest Salary that can be obtained by Length of Service only, and the Time to be served to obtain that Salary; whether there is a Superannuation Allowance; Gross Revenue of the Office for each of the last Ten Years, including Amount of Postage Stamps sold through the Stamp Office; Number of Letters for One Week of each Month in each Year for a like Period; Number and Amount of Money Orders paid and issued in each of the last Ten Years; also the Commission in each Year; Number of Clerks employed in each Year, distinguishing the Number engaged in each Department."

[*So far as relates to those Portions of the above Order only in regard to which Returns have been made.*]

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I.—POST-OFFICES, LONDON, DUBLIN, EDINBURGH, &c.

1.—RETURN of the Number of Post-Office Receiving Houses in *London, Dublin, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Liverpool, Manchester* and *Birmingham* respectively, Number of Collections Daily, and the Proportion the Population of each of these Places bears to each Receiving House; whether General Post-Office Business and Money Order Business can be transacted at all or any of these Receiving Houses, the Average Number of Letters delivered Daily in each Town, also, the Number of Letter Carriers to deliver these Letters.

NAME OF PLACE.	Number of Receiving Houses.	Number of Collections Daily from each Receiving House.	Proportion the Population of each of these Places, as per last Census, bears to each Receiving House.	Number of Offices in each Place at which Money Order Business can be transacted.	Proportion the Population of each Place bears to every such Office.	Number of Deliveries Daily in each Town.
London - - -	374	From 2 to 11	6,318	61	38,725	From 3 to 10
Dublin - - -	30	7	8,612	1	258,361	7
Edinburgh - -	24	From 7 to 8	8,082	2	96,964	4
Glasgow - - -	19	4 to 14	18,157	1	344,986	4
Liverpool - -	36	4	7,173	1	258,236	3
Manchester - -	43	From 1 to 5	10,228	1	439,797	4
Birmingham - -	16	2	10,872	1	173,951	3

The General Post-Office business can be transacted at all the receiving houses above enumerated.
The average number of letters delivered daily, and also the number of letter-carriers in each town to deliver those letters, will be stated in a Supplemental Return.

II.—GLASGOW POST-OFFICE.

1.—ABSTRACT of Return of the Number of Persons employed in the Post-Office of *Glasgow*, showing the Amount of Salary, Fees and Emoluments received by each Class, and the Average Period of Service.

DESCRIPTION.	Number.	Lowest and Highest Amount of Salary received.	Average Amount of Fees and Emoluments.	From what Source derived.	Average Number of Years such Persons have been in the Service.
General Superintendent of Office	1	600 *l.* - - -	184 *l.* 4 *s.* 1 *d.* - -	Commission on sale of Postage Stamps	21 years.
Superintendent of Inland Office -	1	220 *l.* - - -	- - nil - -	- - - -	38 years.
Assistants to Chief Clerk - -	2	From 100 *l.* to 180 *l.*	One receives 12 *l.*, the other nil -	Glasgow Directory -	21 years each.
Accountant - - - -	1	150 *l.* - - -	12 *l.* - - -	- ditto - - -	40 years.
Accountant's Office - - -	1	60 *l.* - - -	- - nil - -	- - - -	1 year.
Chief Clerk, Money Order Office	1	100 *l.* - - -	12 *l.* - - -	Glasgow Directory -	14 years.
Clerks in Money Order Office -	5	From 70 *l.* to 90 *l.* -	- - nil - -	- - - -	From 5 years to 10 years.
Inspector of Letter Carriers -	1	100 *l.* - - -	44 *l.* - - -	Glasgow Directory -	20 years.
Window Clerks - - -	3	From 75 *l.* to 120 *l.* -	Two receive 75 *l.*, the other nil.	Glasgow Directory and Gratuities.	From 7 years to 30 years.
Receipt and despatch of Mails -	19	From 60 *l.* to 90 *l.* -	One receives 12 *l.* -	Glasgow Directory -	From 1 month to 15 years.
Stampers - - - - -	7	From 50 *l.* to 60 *l.* -	Two receive 12 *l.* each	- ditto - - -	From 1 year to 14 years.
Newspaper Sorters - - -	4*	From 39 *l.* to 45 *l.* -	- - nil - -	- - - -	From 1 month to 6 years.
Letter Carriers - - - -	60†	From 41 *l.* 12 *s.* to 46 *l.* 16 *s.* - -	From 2 *l.* 10 *s.* to 24 *l.*	Glasgow Directory and Gratuities.	From 1 month to 25 years.
City Bags Collectors - - -	4	36 *l.* 10 *s.*	- - nil - -	- - - -	From 4 years to 14 years.
Country Runners - - -	6	From 33 *l.* 18 *s.* to 36 *l.* 10 *s.* - -	- - nil - -	- - - -	From 1 month to 17 years.
Railway, &c. Messengers - -	2	From 31 *l.* 5 *s.* 8 *d.* to 36 *l.* 10 *s.* - -	- - nil - -	- - - -	From 3 years to 19 years.
Office Porter - - - -	1	54 *l.* 12 *s.* - -	- - nil - -	- - - -	5 years.

* Inclusive of one vacancy. † Including two vacancies.

Number of Clerks employed at *Glasgow* in each Year, distinguishing the Number employed in each Department.

	1843.	1844.	1845.	1846.	1847.	1848.	1849.	1850.	1851.	1852.
Sorting Office -	15	15	15	18	23	23	23	23	23	26
Money Order Office	3	3	4	4	6	6	6	6	6	6
Accountant's Office	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Total - -	19	19	20	24	31	31	31	31	31	34

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II.—GLASGOW POST-OFFICE—*continued.*

2.—Gross Revenue of the Post-Office of *Glasgow*, for each of the last Ten Years, including the Amount of Postage Stamps sold through the Stamp-Office.

1843.	1844.	1845.	1846.	1847.
£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
26,709 15 0½	31,454 19 4	36,174 8 5	39,035 9 11	42,061 5 3½

1848.	1849.	1850.	1851.	1852.
£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
40,399 16 5	41,527 18 –½	43,366 3 11½	46,076 10 6	47,063 7 5½

3.—Number of Letters received for Delivery at *Glasgow* in One Week of each Month of each Year, for the last Ten Years.

Week ended	1843.	1844.	1845.	1846.	1847.	1848.	1849.	1850.	1851.	1852.
21 January -	69,801	77,797	92,937	110,276	111,840	115,127	115,105	117,833	127,169	133,390
21 February -	74,023	87,422	100,009	115,662	116,829	119,140	120,075	129,961	142,931	145,312
21 March - -	80,375	82,631	92,189	106,057	115,403	111,820	115,322	123,889	133,019	146,513
21 April - -	70,697	80,197	93,659	103,257	112,456	111,345	116,999	127,113	129,360	147,290
21 May - -	70,618	79,608	93,891	107,635	114,559	105,201	118,140	121,902	128,124	144,188
21 June - -	70,375	80,700	96,970	101,940	112,518	106,389	115,118	123,449	135,569	151,066
21 July - -	70,050	70,127	93,168	104,285	106,519	101,960	112,914	111,504	132,873	144,062
21 August - -	71,532	79,943	98,251	102,135	103,652	108,020	111,657	115,783	135,281	140,090
21 September -	73,923	87,303	102,651	104,901	108,631	106,971	118,773	131,551	128,159	144,805
21 October -	75,926	87,524	120,777	112,049	112,167	105,607	117,636	126,493	133,245	156,028
21 November -	78,120	90,771	114,140	119,893	117,055	112,728	117,225	124,933	155,441	156,531
21 December -	77,759	87,872	105,027	111,267	121,337	115,007	118,838	129,781	145,601	166,444

4.—Number and Amount of Money Orders Paid and Issued, and the Amount of Commission received, at *Glasgow*, in each Year, during the Ten Years ended 31st December 1852.

Years ended	Orders Paid.		Orders Issued.		Total Paid and Issued.		Commission.
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	
		£. s. d.		£. s. d.		£. s. d.	£. s. d.
5 January - - 1844	38,392	73,197 10 2	32,309	60,832 – 5	70,701	134,029 10 7	531 11 3
5 January - - 1845	41,227	79,128 2 7	38,639	70,231 4 11	79,866	149,359 7 6	626 16 –
5 January - - 1846	48,038	91,697 5 ·7	48,207	80,793 3 3	96,245	172,490 8 10	730 5 3
5 January - - 1847	50,700	106,319 5 8	54,046	97,823 14 4	110,746	206,143 – –	877 10 –
5 January - - 1848	62,532	118,776 10 –	62,164	108,866 3 3	124,696	227,642 13 3	998 16 6
5 January - - 1849	65,695	126,723 9 10	55,436	102,196 1 –	121,131	228,919 10 10	909 18 –
* 6 Jan. to 31 Dec. 1849	65,794	126,026 9 4	57,422	105,094 15 5	123,216	231,121 4 9	941 15 9
31 December - 1850	69,906	132,863 9 10	63,266	115,502 9 4	133,172	248,365 19 2	1,036 11 3
31 December - 1851	72,715	138,520 6 11	67,092	120,223 5 4	139,807	258,743 12 3	1,091 18 9
31 December - 1852	76,263	145,001 5 10	68,424	122,442 16 6	144,687	267,444 2 4	1,113 8 –

* In consequence of a change in the period for making up the Money Order Accounts, which took place in February 1849, the numbers and amounts are, in this instance, five days short of a complete year's transactions.

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